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Lesson Four- Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (R.A.)

- Umar (R.A.) was very good at recognizing the strengths of others and putting them into the right positions
- He used the best of his companions in all his administrative posts because these were the people he trusted the most
- He would ensure that they all had excellent salaries to avoid bribery from happening
- He said that officers of the state should not wear fine clothes, ride fancy horses or eat fine flour
- He was assassinated by a non-Muslim slave named Abu Lu-Lu while he was leading the Fajr prayer
- He then asked Abdur Rahman Ibn Awf (R.A.) to lead the prayer and only after it was completed he inquired about who had attacked him
- Umar (R.A.)'s dua was to be granted martyrdom in the path of Allah in Madinah
- He sought permission from Aisha (R.A.) to be buried in her room next to his two friends- Abu Bakr (R.A.) and the prophet (ﷺ)
- He said that the next khalif should be chosen from the remaining Ashara Mubashara:
    - Uthman (R.A.), Ali (R.A.), Sa'd Ibn Abi Waqas (R.A.), Talhah (R.A.), Zubayr Ibn Awwam (R.A.), Abdur Rahman Ibn Awf (R.A.)
    - He had a preference for Sa'd Ibn Abi Waqas (R.A.), but he told them to choose amongst themselves
    - He said that whoever is chosen should still seek counsel from Sa'd (R.A.)